***APPENDIX B:* Reading Comprehension *In Famous Mumbai Slum, Redevelopment Plans Stir Controversy***

1. **Where is the Dharavi Slum and why has it become famous?**

* In Mumbai, India; it was the set of “Slumdog Millionaire”;

2. **What are some of the conditions that make living here difficult?**

* They clean laundry in heavily polluted water, the stench is unbearable, very crowded

3. **What about its location makes it appealing to developers?**

* Is in the heart of India’s financial capital, lying at the junction of 2 busy commuter lines and its international airport.

4. **What plans have been recently developed by government leaders concerning changes to the area?**

* They plan on bulldozing the slum and re-housing the existing residents to modern apartment buildings, to make up room for a commercial area.

5. **What criticisms have been made to this plan from current residents of the area?**

* “We've never asked the government for new houses. The government came to us. We're very happy where we are. Some people even say that, if we move into bigger houses, there will be problems, because we'll have to pay property taxes and we'll be living right alongside people who are wealthier than us.”

6. **Who developed this plan and what reasons do they give for supporting it?**

* The government and MM Project Consultants; They believe it’s a ground breaking plan, and will be providing health care, schools and other essentials in the modern world.

7. **What do opponents say?**

8. **How has the government intervened?**

9. **What do you think? Which side of the debate do you support? Why?**

10. **How might this issue be resolved? What compromise solutions would you offer?**